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SUBJ: AMERICAN COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL TEAM TAKES SECOND
GAME IN WARSAW

1. SHARPENED BY THEIR FIRST MEETING WITH THE POLISH NATIONAL TEAM LAST SUNDAY, THE AMERICAN COLLEGE ALL-STAR TEAM, WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MOSCOW UNIVERSITY GAMES LATER THIS MONTH, AGAIN OUTSCORED THEIR POLISH OPPONENTS IN THEIR SECOND MEETING ON JULY 30, 97 TO 64. THE SECOND CONTEST WAS, WITHOUT DOUBT, A MORE EXCITING MATCH THAN THE FIRST. A HIGHLY CHARGED POLISH SQUAD TOOK THE INITIATIVE AT THE OUTSET BUT THIS ATTACK SERVED ONLY TO FORCE THE AMERICANS TO QUICKEN THE PACE AND PLAY AT PEAK OUTPUT. AS THE U.S. COURT TEAM BEGAN TO STUFF THE BASKET WITH DETERMINED, MACHINE-LIKE REGULARITY, THE POLISH OFFENSE COLLAPSED AND THE U.S. MOVED FAR OUT IN FRONT.

2. SPORTS WRITERS EXPRESSED THEIR AMAZEMENT AT THE "PHENOMENAL" JUMPING ABILITY OF THOMPSON AND LUCAS OF THE AMERICAN TEAM WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO SCORE BY SLAMMING THE BALL THROUGH THE HOOP FROM ABOVE. IN DEMONSTRATING THEIR MASTERY OF THE TECHNIQUE THEY ALSO SCORED POINTS WITH ABOUT 1,000 FANS WHO ATTENDED THE OFF-SEASON GAME AT GWARDIA HALL IN WARSAW.

3. THOMPSON AND LUCAS, VIRTUALLY EVERYBODY'S CHOICE FOR ANY ALL-STAR TEAM IN THE U.S., AND SOME POLISH WRITERS' CHOICE FOR BERTHS ON ANY EUROPEAN ALL-STAR TEAM, ALSO LED THE U.S. TEAM IN SCORING WITH 24 AND 20 POINTS RESPECTIVELY.

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4. KALINOWSKI, IN LEADING THE POLISH TEAM IN SCORING WITH 12 POINTS,

PLAYED OUTSTANDING BALL IN THE SHORT TIME HE WAS ON THE BOARDS
AND THE POLISH TEAM IN THE SECOND MATCH WAS MUCH IMPROVED OVER
THE TEAM THAT TOOK THE COURT LAST SUNDAY, THE POLES HAVE ANOTHER
CHANCE TO CHALLENGE THE U.S. TEAM ON AUGUST 1, WHEN THE TWO
MEET IN WARSAW FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL TIME.

5. ON AUGUST 2, THE U.S. BASKETBALL STARS DEPART FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA
WHERE THEY PLAY FIVE GAMES. AFTER THAT IT'S ON TO BULGARIA FOR
SEVERAL OTHER MATCHES INTENDED TO HONE THE U.S. PLAYERS SKILLS
AND WELD THEM INTO A TOP-LEVEL COMPETITIVE UNIT AS THEY MOVE INTO
THE MOSCOW UNIVERSITY GAMES LATE IN AUGUST.
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